

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A printing system comprising a laboratory server for obtaining prints by carrying out printing of an image based on order information provided from a user for instructing printing of the image, the laboratory server having a laboratory database for storing the order information including information representing at least an image ID specifying the image to be printed and a requested quantity of the prints and added with an order ID for identifying the image ID and the requested quantity, and the laboratory server comprising correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to an actual quantity of the prints based on an input received by the correction means.

2. (Original) A printing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the correction means changes the requested quantity to the actual quantity based on reception of specification of the order ID and correction of the requested quantity to the actual quantity regarding the image ID included in the specified order ID.

3. (Original) A printing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the laboratory server further comprises affirmation means for affirming, in the case where the actual quantity of the prints has been affirmed, the content of the order information stored in the laboratory database, based on the order ID including the image ID of the prints whose quantity has been affirmed.

4. (Original) A printing system as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3, the printing system further comprising a relay server having a database for storing the order information provided by the user, the relay server transferring the order information to the laboratory server via a network, the laboratory server further comprising transmission means for generating correction information in relation to the order ID added to the order information for changing the requested quantity in the order information to the actual quantity of the prints and for transmitting the correction information to the relay server, and the relay server comprising correction means for

changing the requested quantity of the order information having the order ID related to the correction information out of the order information stored in the database thereof to the actual quantity of the prints, based on the correction information transmitted thereto.

5. (Original) A printing system as defined in claim 4, the transmission means generating affirmation information indicating affirmation of the actual quantity of the prints in relation to the order ID added to the order information including the image ID of the prints whose actual quantity has been affirmed and transmitting the affirmation information to the relay server, and the correction means in the relay server affirming the content of the order information having the order ID related to the affirmation information out of the order information stored in the database thereof, based on the affirmation information transmitted thereto.

6. (Original) A printing system as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the laboratory server further comprises data generating means for generating bill data for issuing a bill by referring to the order information stored in the laboratory database.

7. (Original) A printing system as defined in claim 4, wherein the laboratory server and/or the relay server further comprise data generating means for generating bill data for issuing a bill by referring to the order information stored in the laboratory database and/or the database of the relay server.

8. (Original) A printing system as defined in claim 6, further comprising a bill issuing system for generating a bill based on the bill data.

9. (Original) A printing system as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3, further comprising a system for issuing a bill by referring to the order information stored in the laboratory database.

10. (Original) A printing system as defined in claim 4, further comprising a system for issuing a bill by referring to the order information stored in the laboratory database and/or in the

database of the relay server.

11. (Previously presented) A printing system comprising:

a laboratory server for obtaining prints by carrying out printing of an image based on order information provided from a user for instructing printing of the image, the laboratory server having a laboratory database for storing the order information including an order ID specifying the order information, an image ID specifying the image to be printed and a requested quantity of the prints of the specified image to be printed,

wherein the laboratory server includes correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to an actual quantity of the prints to be provided to the user when the actual quantity of the prints is to be different from the requested quantity specified in the order information so that a bill describing a fee corresponding not to the requested quantity but to the actual quantity can be generated thereby.

12. (Previously presented) A printing system comprising:

a laboratory server for obtaining prints by carrying out printing of an image based on order information provided from a user for instructing printing of the image, the laboratory server including:

means for receiving order information from the user for instructing printing of the image, the order information including an order ID specifying the order information, an image ID specifying the image to be printed and a requested quantity of prints of the specified image to be printed;

a laboratory database for storing the order information;

means for inputting an actual quantity of prints to be provided to the user; and

correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to the actual quantity of the prints to be provided to the user when the actual quantity of the prints is different from the requested quantity of the prints;

whereby a bill describing a fee corresponding to the actual quantity of the prints can be generated.

13. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 11 wherein said order information is received over a network from a computer of the user.

14. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 12 wherein said order information is received over a network from a computer of the user.

15. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 13 wherein the image is printed based on the order information provided by the user.

16. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 14 wherein the image is printed based on the order information provided by the user.

17. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 15, wherein image data representing the image is stored on the laboratory server and wherein the print is produced by using said image data.

18. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 16, wherein image data representing the image is stored on the laboratory server and wherein the print is produced by using said image data.

19. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 15 further comprising a relay server connected to a network for receiving and processing the order information from the user and transferring the order information to the laboratory server.

20. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 16 further comprising a relay server connected to a network for receiving and processing the order information from the user

and transferring the order information to the laboratory server.

21. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 15 further including data generating means for generating a bill based on the order information and the actual number of prints.

22. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 16 further including data generating means for generating a bill based on the order information and the actual number of prints.

23. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 19 wherein said relay server receives correction information from the laboratory server and includes data generating means for generating bill generation data based on the order information and the correction information.

24. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 20 wherein said relay server receives correction information from the laboratory server and includes data generating means for generating bill generation data based on the order information and the correction information.

25. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 11 wherein said correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to an actual quantity of the prints to be provided to the user comprises means for sending a cancellation instruction with respect to an image ID of a given image to change the requested quantity of prints of the given image to zero.

26. (Previously presented) The printing system of claim 12 wherein said correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to an actual quantity of the prints to be provided to the user comprises means for sending a cancellation instruction with respect to an image ID of a given image to change the requested quantity of prints of the given image to zero.

27. (New) The printing system of claim 11 wherein the correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to the actual quantity of the prints to be provided to the user when the actual quantity of the prints is different from the requested quantity of the prints changes the requested quantity of prints based on an input received by the correction means.